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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 CB SURETY LLC, et al.,

16 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-02812-TLN-DB

(Assigned to Hon. Troy L. Nunley)

17 **RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF**  
18 **SERVICE OF SUBPOENA TO**  
19 **WEEKS & IRVINE, LLC**

1 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, under Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
2 Procedure, the attached subpoena to produce documents, information, or objects and  
3 to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material will be served on  
4 the Weeks & Irvine, LLC.

5 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Rule 45 of the Federal  
6 Rules of Civil Procedure, Receiver Kenneth R. Jones (“Receiver”) will issue a  
7 subpoena to produce the requested documents identified in the subpoena on  
8 April 25, 2025, at 9:00 am, to the offices of DLA Piper LLP (US), 4365 Executive  
9 Drive, Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92121.

10 A copy of the subpoena and the Preliminary Injunction authorizing the  
11 Receiver to request these documents and records is attached hereto.

12 Dated: March 24, 2025

**DLA PIPER LLP (US)**

14 By: /s/ Oliver M. Kiefer  
15 Oliver M. Kiefer

16 Attorneys for Receiver  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to all participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users.

/s/ Oliver M. Kiefer

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Attorney for Receiver  
Kenneth R. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
Eastern District of California

United States of America

*Plaintiff*

v.

CB Surety LLC, et al.

*Defendant*

Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-2812

**SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS  
OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: Weeks & Irvine, LLC, 8086-B Rivers Ave, North, Charleston, SC 29406

*(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)*

☒ **Production:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

All documents pertaining to the closing and purchase of the property located at 2077 Brick Kiln Pkwy, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466 on September 7, 2023

Place: DLA Piper LLP (US) 4365 Executive Dr., Suite 1100, San Diego, CA, 92121

Date and Time:

April 25, 2025; 9:00am

☐ **Inspection of Premises:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:

Date and Time:

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 3/25/2025

CLERK OF COURT

OR

*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*

/s/ Oliver M. Kiefer

*Attorney's signature*

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing *(name of party)* Receiver  
Kenneth R. Jones, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

DLA Piper LLP (US) 4365 Executive Dr., Suite 1100, San Diego, CA, 92121

**Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena**

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)*

I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also  
tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

**Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**

**(c) Place of Compliance.**

**(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition.** A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
  - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
  - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

**(2) For Other Discovery.** A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

**(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.**

**(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.** A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

**(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.**

**(A) Appearance Not Required.** A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

**(B) Objections.** A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

**(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.**

**(A) When Required.** On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

**(B) When Permitted.** To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

**(C) Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.** In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

**(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.**

**(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.** These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

**(A) Documents.** A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

**(B) Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.** If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

**(C) Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.** The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

**(D) Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.** The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

**(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.**

**(A) Information Withheld.** A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

**(B) Information Produced.** If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

**(g) Contempt.**

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WITH  
ASSET FREEZE, RECEIVER, AND  
OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

1 On December 1, 2023, the United States of America filed its Complaint for Temporary  
2 Restraining Order, Preliminary and Permanent Injunctions, and Other Equitable Relief (the  
3 “Complaint”) (ECF No. 1) against Defendants, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, based on  
4 Defendants’ alleged violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344, and 1349.

5 On December 6, 2023, the Court issued its Order granting the United States’ *Ex Parte*  
6 Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO”) (ECF No. 7) and set a preliminary  
7 injunction hearing for December 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. At the request of the United States, and  
8 based on a showing of good cause, the Court reset the preliminary injunction hearing for January  
9 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (ECF No. 19).

### 10 FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF DECISION

11 The Court, having considered the Complaint, the TRO Application, affidavits, exhibits,  
12 and the brief filed in support thereof, and being otherwise advised, finds that:

13 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good  
14 cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto and that venue in this district  
15 is proper.

16 2. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged in and are likely to  
17 engage in acts or practices that violate 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344, and 1349, and that the United  
18 States is, therefore, likely to prevail on the merits of this action. The evidence submitted with the  
19 United States’ Brief (the “Brief” or “Br.”) (ECF No. 2-1), including the Affidavit of Postal  
20 Inspector Jason Chung and the exhibits thereto (the “Chung Affidavit”) (ECF No. 2-3),  
21 demonstrates that the United States is likely to prove at trial that all Defendants have taken part  
22 in a multi-year fraud scheme. Since at least 2017, Defendants have engaged in a two-fold scheme  
23 to defraud financial institutions and consumers. *See* Chung Aff. ¶ 21. First, Defendants launder  
24 transactions for their merchant clients by creating sham companies to disguise the true nature of  
25 their merchant clients’ fraudulent, illegal, or high-risk activities. *See* Chung Aff. ¶ 21–29, 46–74,  
26 164–167. Second, Defendants use fraudulent chargeback reduction tactics to allow their  
27 merchant clients to maintain merchant accounts with member banks of card networks such as



1 Visa and Mastercard. *See* Chung Aff. ¶¶ 30–32, 75–81, 160–163. Without these deceptive tactics,  
2 these financial institutions likely would not allow Defendants’ merchant clients to use their  
3 services to process payments. *See* Chung Aff. ¶¶ 69–71, 137–142. Defendants’ ongoing bank and  
4 wire fraud scheme is causing significant financial losses to consumers, including via thousands  
5 of unauthorized debits against consumers’ payment cards perpetrated by Defendants’ merchant  
6 clients. *See* Chung Aff. ¶ 83. Additionally, financial institutions are being harmed by  
7 Defendants’ scheme, including by risking incurring fraudulent chargeback costs and fines as a  
8 result of the scheme’s merchant clients’ high-risk or illegal activities. *See* Chung Aff. ¶¶ 31, 69–  
9 71, 80, 139.

10 3. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable harm will result  
11 from Defendants’ ongoing violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344, and 1349 unless they are  
12 immediately restrained and enjoined by order of this Court. *See* Br. at 23, 25 (summarizing  
13 evidence establishing likelihood of irreparable harm).

14 4. Good cause exists for freezing the assets of the Corporate Entities and Defendant  
15 Eide and Defendant Smith. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1345(a)(2)(B)(i) (authorizing the Court to freeze a  
16 defendant’s assets where there is evidence that the defendant “is alienating or disposing of  
17 property, or intends to alienate or dispose of property, obtained as a result of a banking law  
18 violation”); Br. at 25–28; Chung Aff. ¶¶ 146 (demonstrating that assets held by these Defendants  
19 are the proceeds of bank fraud).

20 5. Good cause exists for appointing a temporary receiver over the Corporate Entities,  
21 as well as any other entity that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by the Corporate  
22 Entities, Defendant Eide, or Defendant Smith, and giving the United States and the Receiver  
23 immediate access to CB Surety’s business premises. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1345(a)(2)(b)(ii)  
24 (authorizing the Court to appoint a receiver); *Canada Life Assur. Co. v. LaPeter*, 563 F.3d 837,  
25 844 (9th Cir. 2009) (discussing the relevant factors in determining whether to appoint a  
26 receiver); Br. at 27–28 (summarizing evidence supporting receivership).

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6. Weighing the equities and considering the United States' likelihood of ultimate success on the merits, a preliminary injunction order is in the public interest.

7. This Court has authority to issue this Order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65.

8. No security is required of any agency of the United States for issuance of a preliminary injunction. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(c).

### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

9. "Asset" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any property, wherever located and by whomever held.

10. "CB Surety" means CB Surety LLC, Peak Bakery LLC, Cascades Pointe at Clemson, LLC, and KP Testing, LLC.

11. "Corporate Entities" means CB Surety LLC, Peak Bakery LLC, Cascades Pointe at Clemson, LLC, KP Testing, LLC, Motion Media Marketing Inc., SJC Financial Services Inc., Reseller Consultants, Inc., Ambragold, Inc., Think Processing LLC, and Bass Business Consultants.

12. "Defendant(s)" means all the individuals and entities named as Defendants in the Complaint, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

13. "Document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of "document" and "electronically stored information" in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a).

14. "Receiver" means the temporary receiver appointed in Section III of this Order and any deputy receivers that shall be named by the temporary receiver.

15. "Receivership Entities" means the Corporate Entities, as well as any other entity that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by the Corporate Entities, Defendants Eide, or Defendant Smith.

16. "Receivership Property" means any Assets, wherever located, that are: (1) owned, controlled, or held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities, in whole or in part; (2) in

the actual or constructive possession of the Receivership Entities; or (3) owned, controlled, or held by, or in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the Receivership Entities.

## **ORDER**

### **I. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, contractors, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

1. Committing or conspiring to commit wire fraud, as defined by 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 1349;
2. Committing or conspiring to commit bank fraud, as defined by 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344 and 1349;
3. Charging or debiting any person or entity on behalf of any Corporate Entities or for the purported purchase of any Corporate Entities' services;
4. Debiting funds from consumers' bank accounts or charging consumers' payment cards without their prior authorization;
5. Incorporating or creating any corporate entity for the purpose of debiting funds from consumers' bank accounts without their prior authorization;
6. Incorporating or creating any corporate entity for the purpose of facilitating payment processing or obtaining merchant accounts;
7. Creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, whether newly formed or previously inactive, without first providing the United States with a written statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals,

managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended activities; and

8. Destroying, deleting, moving, removing or transferring any and all business, financial, accounting, and other records concerning Defendants' operations and the operations of any other corporate entity owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by Defendants; and failing to create and maintain Documents that, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely reflect Defendants' incomes, disbursements, transactions, and use of Defendants' Assets.

## **II. ASSET FREEZE**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as otherwise specified herein, the Assets of the Corporate Entities, Receivership Entities, and Defendants Eide and Smith are frozen until further notice of this Court. Accordingly, all persons and entities with direct or indirect control over any of Corporate Entities', Receivership Entities', Defendant Eide's, or Defendant Smith's Assets, including any financial or brokerage institution, bank, payment processor, business entity, or person, who receives actual notice of this Order (by service or otherwise) shall:

1. Hold, preserve, and retain within its control and prohibit the withdrawal, removal, alteration, assignment, transfer, pledge, encumbrance, disbursement, dissipation, relinquishment, conversion, sale, or other disposal of any Asset, as well as all Documents or other property related to such Assets, except by further order of this Court; and

2. Deny any person access to any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage facility that is titled in the name of any Corporate Entity, Receivership Entity, Defendant Eide, or Defendant Smith or otherwise subject to access by any Corporate Entity, Receivership Entity, Defendant Eide, or Defendant Smith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Corporate Entities, Receivership Entities, Defendant Eide, and Defendant Smith, their officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order (by service or otherwise), are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing,

dissipating, disbursing, assigning, relinquishing, spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or security interest or other interest in, or otherwise disposing of any of a Corporate Entity's, a Receivership Entity's, Defendant Eide's, or Defendant Smith's Assets.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Corporate Entity, Defendant Eide, and Defendant Smith shall, to the extent they have not already done so, provide to the United States, within seven (7) days of receiving a copy of this Order, a list of all financial or brokerage institutions, banks, or other entities at which they maintain savings, checking, investment, merchant, or other accounts.

This Section does not prohibit any transfers to the Receiver required by this Order.

### **III. RECEIVERSHIP**

#### **A. APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as set forth in the Temporary Restraining Order (ECF No. 7), Kenneth R. Jones shall serve as a temporary receiver of the Receivership Entities with full powers of an equity receiver. The Receiver shall be solely the agent of this Court in acting as Receiver under this Order.

#### **B. RECEIVERSHIP POWERS AND DUTIES**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver is directed and authorized to accomplish the following:

1. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Receivership Property, and Documents and Assets in the possession, custody, or control of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, except those assets seized by the United States pursuant to a valid order of a court. The Receiver shall have full power to divert mail, and to sue for, collect, receive, take in possession, hold, and manage all Receivership Property; provided, however, the Receiver shall not attempt to collect any amount from a person if the Receiver believes the person was a victim of the wire or bank fraud scheme alleged in the Complaint in this matter;

2. The Receiver shall also assume control over all of the Receivership Entities' ongoing business operations, including those in which the Receivership Entities have a controlling interest. With regard to these business operations, the Receiver shall:

- a. Assume full and exclusive control of the operations of the Receivership Entities, removing, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable, any director, officer, independent contractor, employee, or agent of the Receivership Entities from control of, management of, or participating in, the business affairs of each of the Receivership Entities;
- b. Take all steps necessary or desirable to secure the business premises of the Receivership Entities. Such steps may include, but are not limited to, the following as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable: (i) completing a written inventory of all assets; (ii) obtaining pertinent information from all employees and other agents and all accrued and unpaid commissions and compensation of each such employee or agent; (iii) videotaping all portions of the above-referenced business locations; (iv) securing the above-referenced business locations by changing the locks and disconnecting any Internet service or other means of access to the computer or other records maintained at the locations;
- c. Manage, administer, and conduct the operations of the ongoing legitimate business operations of the Receivership Entities, until further Order of this Court, by performing all incidental acts that the Receiver deems to be advisable or necessary; and
- d. Choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, property managers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists or other professionals ("Professionals"), with regard to the operations of the Receivership Entities and/or support and advice to the Receiver as the

Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;

3. Defend, compromise, or settle legal actions wherein the Receiver or any of the Receivership Entities is a party commenced prior to or subsequent to this Order with the authorization of this Court. The Receiver may waive attorney-client privilege held by any of the Receivership Entities;

4. Issue subpoenas to obtain Documents and records pertaining to the Receivership, and conduct discovery in this action on behalf of the receivership estate;

5. Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the authority granted by, this Order, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging its duties as Receiver. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for prior approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the Receivership Entities prior to the date of entry of this Order, except payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure Assets of the Receivership Entities, such as rental payments. The Receiver shall not be required to perform under any contract or lease entered into by the Receivership Entities prior to the date on which he assumes possession of the Receivership Assets;

6. Maintain accurate records of all receipts and expenditures incurred as Receiver;

7. Coordinate with the United States and Court personnel as needed to ensure that any Assets subject to the terms of this Order are available for criminal restitution, forfeiture, or other legal remedies in proceedings commenced by or on behalf of the United States;

8. Cooperate with reasonable requests for information or assistance from any state or federal civil or criminal law enforcement agency; and

9. File a status report every 60 days with the Court.

The Receiver shall have the power and authority to perform any other act necessary or desirable to accomplish any of the foregoing.

**C. COOPERATION WITH THE RECEIVER**

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants; Receivership Entities; Defendants' or  
2 Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active  
3 concert or participation with any of them; and any other person with possession, custody, or  
4 control of Receivership Property or records relating to Receivership Property, or other records  
5 relating to the Receivership Entities; who receive actual notice of this Order, shall fully  
6 cooperate with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but is not  
7 limited to, providing information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary to exercise  
8 the authority and discharge the responsibilities of the Receiver under this Order; providing any  
9 keys, codes, user names, passwords, and all other means required to access any computers,  
10 electronic devices, mobile devices, machines (onsite or remotely), and any cloud account  
11 (including specific method to access account) or electronic file in any medium; advising all  
12 persons who owe money to any Receivership Entity that all debts should be paid directly to the  
13 Receiver; and transferring funds at the Receiver's direction and producing records related to the  
14 Receivership Property and sales of the Receivership Entities.

15 **D. TRANSFER OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY TO RECEIVER**

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and any other person with possession,  
17 custody or control of Receivership Property shall, upon notice of this Order by personal service  
18 or otherwise, fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver in taking and maintaining possession,  
19 custody, or control of the Receivership Property. This shall include, but not be limited to, to the  
20 extent they have not already done so, immediately providing, transferring, or delivering to the  
21 Receiver possession, custody, and control of:

- 22 1. All Assets held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities;
- 23 2. All Documents or Assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made on  
24 behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by payment  
25 processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales  
26 organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
- 27 3. All Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities;



4. All computers, electronic devices, mobile devices, and machines used to conduct the business of the Receivership Entities;

5. All keys, codes, user names, passwords, and all other means of authentication necessary to gain or to secure access to any Assets or Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities, including access to their business premises, means of communication, mobile phones, accounts, computer systems (onsite and remote), electronic data hosts, or other property.

Provided that nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the United States or a law enforcement agency to transfer Assets, Receivership Property, or Documents to the Receiver that it has seized pursuant to a valid order of a court.

In the event that any person or entity fails to deliver or transfer any Asset, Document, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this Section, the Receiver may file an Affidavit of Non-Compliance regarding the failure and a motion seeking compliance or a contempt citation.

#### **E. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO RECEIVER**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants shall, to the extent they have not already done so, immediately provide to the Receiver:

1. A list of all Assets and accounts of the Receivership Entities, including but not limited to those that are held in any name other than the name of a Receivership Entity, or by any person or entity other than a Receivership Entity;

2. A list of all agents, employees, officers, attorneys, contractors, servants and those persons in active concert and participation with the Receivership Entities, or who have been associated or done business with the Receivership Entities; and

3. A description of any documents covered by attorney-client privilege or attorney work product, including files where such documents are likely to be located, authors or recipients of such documents, and search terms likely to identify such electronic documents.

#### **F. DUTIES OF ASSET HOLDERS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES**

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any financial or brokerage institution, bank, payment  
2 processor, business entity, or person who receives actual notice of this Order (by service or  
3 otherwise), who has held the Receivership Entities' Assets, through an account or otherwise, and  
4 to the extent it has not already done so, shall:

5 1. Provide the Receiver, within ten business days of notice of this Order, a statement  
6 setting forth: (1) the identification of each such account or Asset; (2) the balance of each such  
7 account, or a description of the nature and value of each such Asset; and (3) the identification of  
8 any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage facility that is either titled in the name,  
9 individually or jointly, of any Receivership Entity, or is otherwise subject to access by any  
10 Receivership Entity;

11 2. Upon the Receiver's request, promptly provide the Receiver with copies of all  
12 records or other Documents pertaining to any account covered by this Section or Asset, including  
13 originals or copies of account applications, account statements, signature cards, checks, drafts,  
14 deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts, including wire transfers and wire transfer  
15 instructions, all other debit and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099  
16 forms, and all logs and records pertaining to safe deposit boxes, commercial mail boxes, and  
17 storage facilities; and

18 3. Cooperate with all reasonable requests of the Receiver relating to implementation  
19 of this Order, including transferring funds at the Receiver's direction and producing records  
20 related to all accounts owned by each of the Defendants.

21 **G. COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER**

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as  
23 herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to reasonable  
24 compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-  
25 of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the assets now held by or in the possession or control  
26 of, or which may be received by, the Receivership Entities. Receiver shall be paid based on an  
27 hourly rate, which may be increased annually on notice to the Court at the time that Alvarez and

Marsal (“A&M” or the “Receive Firm”) generally increases its rates. Hourly rates for A&M personnel engaged or utilized by the Receiver shall be based on their standard hourly rates. In addition, Receiver shall be reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred in the discharge of its rights and obligations hereunder.

Such fees and expenses shall be payable monthly without the requirement of a further order of this Court, provided, however, that the Receiver shall file with the Court and serve on the parties periodic accountings describing the Receiver’s and A&M’s compensation, with the first disclosure filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of this Order.

All fees and expenses of the Receiver (including without limitation the indemnification provisions set forth above) shall constitute a first lien and charge against the Receivership Assets, with priority ahead of all other liens and security interests, including without limitation the liens and security interests of all other persons and entities.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THE RECEIVER**

The Professionals retained by the Receiver may include, without limitation, the Receiver’s employer and/or its affiliates (the “Receiver Firm”). The Receiver is hereby expressly authorized and directed to utilize and retain the services the Receiver Firm, its affiliates and personnel as Professionals (rather than utilizing other similarly situated or available personnel or professional services firms) notwithstanding that (a) the Receiver may benefit (directly or indirectly) from the compensation paid to the Receiver Firm and (b) other persons or entities may be available to provide the same or similar services at similar or more competitive prices. In no event shall the Receiver, Receiver Firm, or their affiliates be subject to a claim of a conflict of interest or breach of fiduciary duty or any other claim arising as a result of the appointment of any such person in accordance with this provision.

Receiver shall be authorized on the Receivership Entities’ behalf to cause the Receiver and its agents to be named as an additional insured on any insurance policies covering the Receivership Assets. Receiver may, in its discretion, obtain insurance covering the Receivership Assets, and such insurance expense shall be deemed a normal, ordinary, and necessary operating

1 expense of the Receivership Assets. Receiver may, in its discretion, obtain receivership,  
2 fiduciary and/or errors & omissions liability insurance covering the acts and omissions and  
3 related claims against the Receiver arising from the Receivership and the cost shall be deemed a  
4 normal, ordinary, and necessary operating expense of the Receivership Assets.

5 The Receiver may, in its sole and absolute discretion, resign its position as Receiver by  
6 providing not less than thirty (30) days written notice to this Court. The Receiver shall not be  
7 required to obtain the approval of this Court prior to resigning as receiver hereunder.

8 The Receiver is authorized to serve with no bond.

9 The liability of the Receiver and the Receiver's advisors, agents, representatives,  
10 employees, affiliates, successors and assigns (including but not limited to the Receiver Firm)  
11 ("Exculpation Parties"), for any and all claims, liabilities, damages, fees, costs, expense and  
12 charges incurred or arising from their respective acts or omissions in connection with the  
13 Receivership Entities, this Order, the receivership established pursuant to this Order, and/or the  
14 Receivership Assets ("Related Matters"), shall exist only to the extent that this Court determines  
15 by a final and non-appealable judgment that such acts or omissions resulted solely from such  
16 person's bad faith or gross negligence. Any such liability shall be paid as an expense of the  
17 receivership when and as incurred. The Receiver shall be fully protected by the Receivership  
18 Estate from, any action taken or suffered or omitted by the Receiver in reliance upon the advice  
19 of Professionals, attorneys, advisors or others, except for in the case of willful misconduct, gross  
20 negligence or fraud of the Receiver as determined by a final order of this Court. Notwithstanding  
21 the foregoing, the Receiver shall be under no obligation to consult with others, and the  
22 Receiver's good faith determination not to do so shall not result in the imposition of liability on  
23 the Receiver, unless such determination arises from the Receiver's willful misconduct, gross  
24 negligence, or fraud. Persons or entities dealing with the Receiver shall look only to the Receiver  
25 Assets to satisfy any liability incurred by the Receiver, and the Receiver (and any affiliated  
26 entities or persons, including, without limitation, the Receiver Firm) shall have no personal or  
27 individual obligation to satisfy any such liability. The Receiver shall be entitled to obtain such

1 insurance coverage as it may deem reasonable to protect itself and the Exculpation Parties  
2 against claims and liability which are covered, or not covered, by the foregoing exculpation, and  
3 any premiums or fees for such insurance shall be paid from the Receivership Assets. This  
4 paragraph shall survive the termination or resignation of Receiver, and the termination or  
5 suspension of the receivership created hereunder.

6 In the event that, at any time whether before or after termination or resignation of the  
7 Receiver of this receivership, as a result of or in connection with the Related Matters, any  
8 Exculpation Party is required to produce any of its personnel (including former employees) for  
9 examination, deposition or other written, recorded or oral presentation, or the Receiver or any  
10 other Exculpation Party is required to produce or otherwise review, compile, submit, duplicate,  
11 search for, organize or report on any material within such Exculpation Party's possession or  
12 control pursuant to a subpoena or other legal (including administrative) process, the Exculpation  
13 Party will be reimbursed from the Receivership Assets for its out of pocket expenses, including  
14 the reasonable fees and expenses of its counsel, and will be compensated from the Receivership  
15 Assets for the time expended by its personnel based on such personnel's then current hourly rate.

16 No provision of this Order shall require the Receiver to expend or risk its own funds or  
17 otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties as Receiver  
18 hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Receiver shall have reasonable  
19 grounds for believing that repayment of funds or adequate indemnity or security satisfactory to  
20 him against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

21 This Court shall retain jurisdiction and supervision of all matters concerning the  
22 Receiver, the receivership created hereby, and the Receivership Assets. No person or entity may  
23 file suit against the Receiver, in its capacity as Receiver, unless otherwise authorized in advance  
24 by this Court. Any and all actions against the Receiver which affect the Receiver or the  
25 Receivership Assets shall be brought in this Court, and any attempt to collect from any  
26 Receivership Assets must be brought in this Court. Any judgment entered against the Receiver  
27 shall not be valid unless approved by this Court. The Receiver may apply at any time to the

Court, with notice to all other parties appearing in this case, for further instruction and for further power necessary to enable the Receiver to properly fulfill its duties.

**V. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this Order to each affiliate, successor, assign, member, officer, director, employee, agent, independent contractor, client, attorney, spouse, subsidiary, division, and representative of any Defendant, and shall, within ten (10) days from the date the Defendant receives notice of this Order, provide the United States with a sworn statement that this provision of the Order has been satisfied, which statement shall include the names, physical addresses, phone number, and email addresses of each such person or entity who received a copy of the Order. Furthermore, Defendants shall not take any action that would encourage officers, agents, members, directors, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns or other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them, to disregard this Order or believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

**VI. SERVICE OF THIS ORDER**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States is directed to serve all Defendants who do not receive a copy of this Order via ECF with copies of this Order.

With regard to Defendant Bass, the United States may provide notice via email. The United States may also provide notice to other Defendants via email in advance of completing service.

**VII. DURATION OF THE ORDER**

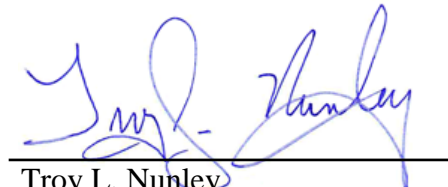
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall expire upon entry of final judgement in this case.

**VIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 5, 2024



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Troy L. Nunley  
United States District Judge